

States, and this bilateral relationship is built on common values and unity against extremism: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) affirms that the people of the United States stand in unison with the people of India in the aftermath of these horrific terrorist attacks;

(2) condemns strongly the atrocities perpetrated against the people of Mumbai, conveys its deepest condolences to the families and loved ones of those killed, and expresses its wishes for the speedy recovery of the hundreds of people injured in these senseless attacks;

(3) notes that these attacks did not only target citizens of India, but represented a collective assault against the international community, with 22 foreigners, including six Americans, among those murdered;

(4) noting that President Bush has offered United States Government assistance, encourages the Government of India to conduct a comprehensive investigation into the attacks and applauds the tone of moderation and restraint exhibited by the Government of India to date in reaction to these horrific attacks;

(5) urges the Government of Pakistan to investigate aggressively the possible connection of groups based in Pakistan, including the Lashkar-e-Taiba, to the Mumbai attacks and take definitive action to apprehend and detain suspects, and is thus encouraged by the raid on an apparent militant camp on December 7, 2008, and the arrest of key suspects;

(6) calls upon the Government of Pakistan to take all necessary steps to root out all extremist groups operating on its territory, halt attacks aimed at Pakistan and any other countries, and ensure that no elements of the Government support such groups;

(7) strongly encourages President-elect Obama to consider ways in which the United States Government can bolster counter-terrorism cooperation with the Government of India to ensure that authorities in that country possess all the requisite equipment and training needed to prevent and respond to future terrorist attacks; and

(8) urges bolstered United States efforts to develop and implement policies and projects to combat all forms of religious extremism, including anti-Semitism, in order to deter the type of targeted attacks like that waged against the Chabad Lubavitch center in Mumbai.

#### ACKNOWLEDGING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GOALS OF THE YOUTH IMPACT PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 725.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 725) acknowledging the accomplishments and goals of the Youth Impact Program.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 725) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 725

Whereas many at-risk young men in the inner cities of the United States face a challenging and uncertain future;

Whereas the future success of at-risk young men can be greatly enhanced through sustained mentorship;

Whereas effective working partnerships between and within the public and private sectors can have a lasting and positive impact on the future of at-risk young men;

Whereas participation in organized sports has provided a creative and disciplined outlet and a path to a better life for many at-risk young men;

Whereas the Youth Impact Program combines the disciplines of football, mentoring, and academics in partnerships between local National Football League franchises and universities to promote discipline, learning, and positive values;

Whereas the Youth Impact Program is a community-based program that has proven its value over the past 2 years in raising the outlook and aspirations of at-risk young men and has provided at-risk young men greater exposure to academics, core values, and life skills;

Whereas the Youth Impact Program provides year-round mentoring to its participants, a proven formula for building success;

Whereas the National Football League, the National Football League Players Association, the University of Southern California, and Tulane University have provided critical support to the Youth Impact Program;

Whereas the Youth Impact Program will be expanded to 3 additional cities in partnership with local National Football League franchises and universities;

Whereas the Youth Impact Program seeks to establish a presence in each city with a local National Football League franchise; and

Whereas under the vision and leadership of Mr. Riki Ellison, the founder of the Youth Impact Program, a 10-year veteran of the National Football League, a 3-time Super Bowl champion, and a University of Southern California alumnus, the Youth Impact Program has expanded from a regional program to a program with a growing national presence: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the ongoing and significant contributions of those organizations that support the Youth Impact Program; and

(2) encourages the expansion of the Youth Impact Program to inner cities across the United States.

#### WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 726.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 726) designating December 13, 2008, as "Wreaths Across America Day."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 726) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 726

Whereas, more than 15 years ago, the Wreaths Across America project began the tradition of donating, transporting, and placing Maine balsam fir holiday wreaths on the graves of the fallen heroes at Arlington National Cemetery each December;

Whereas, since that tradition began, through the hard work and generosity of the people involved in the Wreaths Across America project, hundreds of thousands of wreaths have been sent to more than 200 national cemeteries and veterans' memorials in all 50 states;

Whereas, in December 2008, the Patriot Guard Riders, a motorcycle and motor vehicle group dedicated to patriotic events, with more than 65,000 members nationally, will continue their tradition of escorting a tractor-trailer full of donated wreaths from Harrington, Maine to Arlington National Cemetery;

Whereas hundreds of volunteers participate in the escort each December; and

Whereas Wreaths Across America will continue this proud legacy on December 13, 2008: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) designates December 13, 2008, as "Wreaths Across America Day";

(2) honors the Wreaths Across America project, the Patriot Guard Riders, and all other volunteers and donors involved in this worthy tradition; and

(3) recognizes the sacrifices our veterans and service members and their families have made, and continue to make, for our great Nation.

#### HONORING THE VICTIMS OF THE BOMBING OF PAN AM FLIGHT 103

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 727.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 727) honoring the victims of the bombing of Pan Am flight 103 on the twentieth anniversary of the tragedy.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, that there be no intervening action or debate, and any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 727) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 727

Whereas, on December 21, 1988, 259 passengers and crew members on board Pan American Airways flight 103, and 11 people